Come In from the Cold

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Back in 1957

We had to dance a foot apart

And they hawk-eyed us from the sidelines

Holding their rulers without a heart

And so with just a touch of our fingers

I could make our circuitry explode

All we ever wanted

Was just to come in from the coldCome in (come in, come in, come in)

Oh, come in from the cold

(We were so young)

Uh come in (come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the coldWe really thought we had a purpose

We were so anxious to achieve

We had hope

The world held promise

For a slave to liberty

Freely I slaved away for something better

And I was bought and sold

And all I ever wanted

Was just to come in from the cold(Come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the cold

(Come in, come in)

(We were so sure)

Who's coming in now (come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the coldI feel your legs under the table

Leaning into mine

I feel renewed

I feel disabled

By these bonfires in my spine

I don't know who the arsonist was

Which incendiary soul

But all I ever wanted

Was just to come in from the cold(Come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the cold (come in, come in)

(You were too warm)

Please come in (come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the coldI am not some stone commission

Like a statue in a park

I am flesh and blood and vision

I am howling in the dark

Long blue shadows of the jackals

Are falling on a pay phone by the road

Oh all they ever wanted

Was just to come in from the cold(Come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the cold

(I was so low)

Oh, come in (come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the coldIs this just vulgar electricity

Is this the edifying fire

(It was so pure)

Does your smile's covert complicity

Debase as it admires

(Just a flu with a temperature)

Are you just checking out your mojo

(Oh oh)

Or am I just fighting off growing old

(Just a high fever)

All I ever wanted

Was just to come in from the cold(Come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the cold

(It was so pure)

Please come in (come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the coldI know we never will be perfect

Never entirely clear

(When the moon shines)

We get hurt and we just panic

And we strike out

Out of fear

(You were only being kind)

I fear the sentence of this solitude

Two hundred years on hold

(For my loving crime)

Oh and all we ever wanted

Was just to come in from the cold(Come in)

Come in (come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the cold (come in, come in)

(When the moon shines)

Oh come in (come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the coldWhen I thought life had some meaning

Then I thought I had some choice

(I was running blind)

And I made some value judgments

In a self-important voice

(I was outa line)

But then absurdity came over me And I longed to lose control (Into no mind)

Oh all I ever wanted

Was just to come in from the cold(Come in, come in, come in, come in)

Oh, come in from the cold (come in, come in)

(You were so kind)

Please come in (come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the cold

(Come in, come in)

Oh come in, come in

(Come in, come in, come in, come in)

Come in from the cold

Come in, come in

(I was so low)

Come in, come in (come in, come in, come in)

Coming from the cold

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